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PRESS RELEASE

GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENT CHARGING TWO WITH IDENTITY THEFT

SALT LAKE CITY – A federal grand jury returned an 11-count indictment last night, unsealed this morning, charging Martin Joseph MacNeill and Gypsy Jyll Willis, aka Jillian Giselle MacNeill, with misuse of a Social Security number, aggravated identity theft, and making a false statement.

MacNeill, age 52, who has lived in Utah County and Chehalis, Washington, flew into Salt Lake City this morning and was arrested at the airport. Willis, age 32, who has lived in Pleasant Grove and Chehalis, was arrested in Pleasant Grove this morning. The pair will have initial appearances on the charges Friday at 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. (order unclear) before U.S. Magistrate Judge David Nuffer. Defendants charged in indictments are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in court.

Agencies involved in the investigation include the U.S. Postal Service, the Social Security Administration, the Utah County Attorney's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Pleasant Grove Police Department, and the Salt Lake Airport Police Department.

Five counts in the indictment charge the defendants with attempting to obtain a U.S. military member dependant identification card, signature cards at Zions Bank, or a Utah identification card through the misuse of a Social Security number. A corresponding five aggravated identity theft counts are included in the indictment.

The final count of the indictment charges the defendants with making a false statement to the Social Security Administration on an application for the replacement of a Social Security number card.

The potential maximum penalty for the five counts of misuse of a Social Security number is up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine per count. The potential penalty for making a false statement is up to five years in prison and a \$250,000. The five aggravated identity theft counts carry two-year mandatory minimum sentences which must be served at the end of any other sentence.

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